

# AUSTERITY ON TRIAL

## LEGAL MOBILISATIONS AND AUSTERITY POLICIES IN EUROPE

Université libre de Bruxelles – 21 & 22 september 2017

Thursday 21 September 2017 ▶▶ 14.00 – 18.00

### INTRODUCTION

- 14.00 General introduction, by JULIE RINGELHEIM (FNRS/UCL) and MATTHIAS SANT'ANA (UCL)
- 14.20 Austerity policies and human rights, by OLIVIER DE SCHUTTER (UCL, UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights) (video address)

### LEGAL MOBILISATIONS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

#### Judicial challenges of approval of certain European Treaties ▶ **Chair** : VAIOS KOUTROULIS (ULB)

- 14.40 Belgium : constitutional complaint against the law assenting to the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance, by EMMANUEL SLAUTSKY (ULB)

#### Judicial challenges of national measures requested in the framework of financial assistance packages

- 15.00 Cases brought before Greek Courts, by STAMATINA YANNAKOUREOU (European University of Cyprus, Cyprus)
- 15.20 Cases brought before the Portuguese Constitutional Court, by ANA MARIA GUERRA MARTINS (University of Lisbon, Portugal)
- 15.40 Anti-evictions cases before Spanish Courts, by SERGIO NASARRE-AZNAR (University Rovira i Virgili, Spain)

#### Coffee break

#### Complaints against « voluntary » national austerity measures aiming at satisfying European budgetary norms ▶ **Chair** : DANIEL DUMONT (ULB)

- 16.20 The Belgian case, by ANNEMIE SCHAUS (ULB) & VINCENT LETELLIER (lawyer)
- 16.40 The Italian case, by PIERA LOI (Università di Cagliari, Italy)
- 17.00 The Hungarian case, by TAMAS GYULAVARI (Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary)

#### Discussion

Introduced by STEFANO CIVITARESE MATTEUCCI (University of Chieti-Pescara, Italy)



Friday 22 September 2017 ▶▶ 9.00 – 17.00

**LEGAL MOBILISATIONS AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL ▶▶ 9.00 – 11.00 ▶ Chair : LAURA VAN DEN EYNDE (ULB)**

- 9.00 Challenging austerity measures before the Court of Justice of the European Union, by LOUISE FROMONT (FNRS/ULB)
- 9.20 Challenging austerity measures before the European Committee of Social Rights, the European Court of Human Rights and the International Labour Organization, by ELISE DERMINE (ULB)
- 9.40 Austerity policies, legal mobilisations and international institutions, by MARGOT SALOMON (London School of Economics, United Kingdom)

**Discussion**

Introduced by COLM O'CONNOR (University College London, United Kingdom)

Coffee break

**JUDICIAL CHALLENGES OF AUSTERITY MEASURES : A PERSPECTIVE FROM THE FIELD ▶▶ 11.15 – 12.45 ▶ Chair : BARBARA TRUFFIN (ULB)**

- ELENA CRESPI, International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH)
- FRANCISCO JAVIER RUBIO GIL, lawyer and member of the social movement fighting for the right to housing and against forced evictions Plataforma de Afectados por la Hipoteca “Platform of people affected by mortgages” (Spain)
- MARIA TSIPRA, Confederation of Greek Civil Servants' Trade Unions (ADEDY - Greece)
- WIEBKE WARNECK, European Trade Union Confederation

Lunch

**ROUNDTABLE : EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY IN TIME OF AUSTERITY: PROMISES AND PITFALLS OF ANTI-AUSTERITY LITIGATION FOR SOCIAL MOVEMENTS**

▶▶ 14.00 – 16.00 ▶ Chair : JULIEN PIERET (ULB)

- ANTOINE BAILLEUX, professor of European law at USL-B
- GAËTAN CLIQUENNOIS, senior researcher in legal sociology at the CNRS / University of Strasbourg (France)
- AOIFE NOLAN, professor of international human rights law at the University of Nottingham (United Kingdom) and member of the European Committee of Social Rights
- CÉLINE ROMAINVILLE, professor of constitutional law at UCL
- PASCALE VIELLE, professor of European social law at UCL

Coffee break

**CONCLUSIONS ▶▶ 16.30 – 17.00**

DIANE ROMAN (Université François Rabelais, Tours, France)

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

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